



Plurality, Utah, and the 50 States

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What is Plurality?



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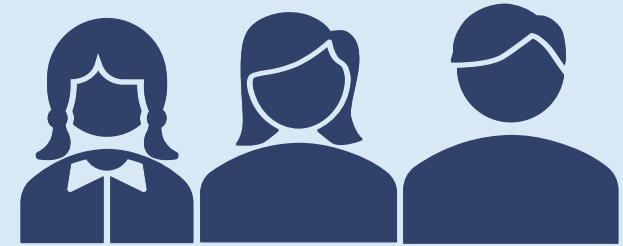
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Why Utah, Why Now?

Convention



Signature Gatherers

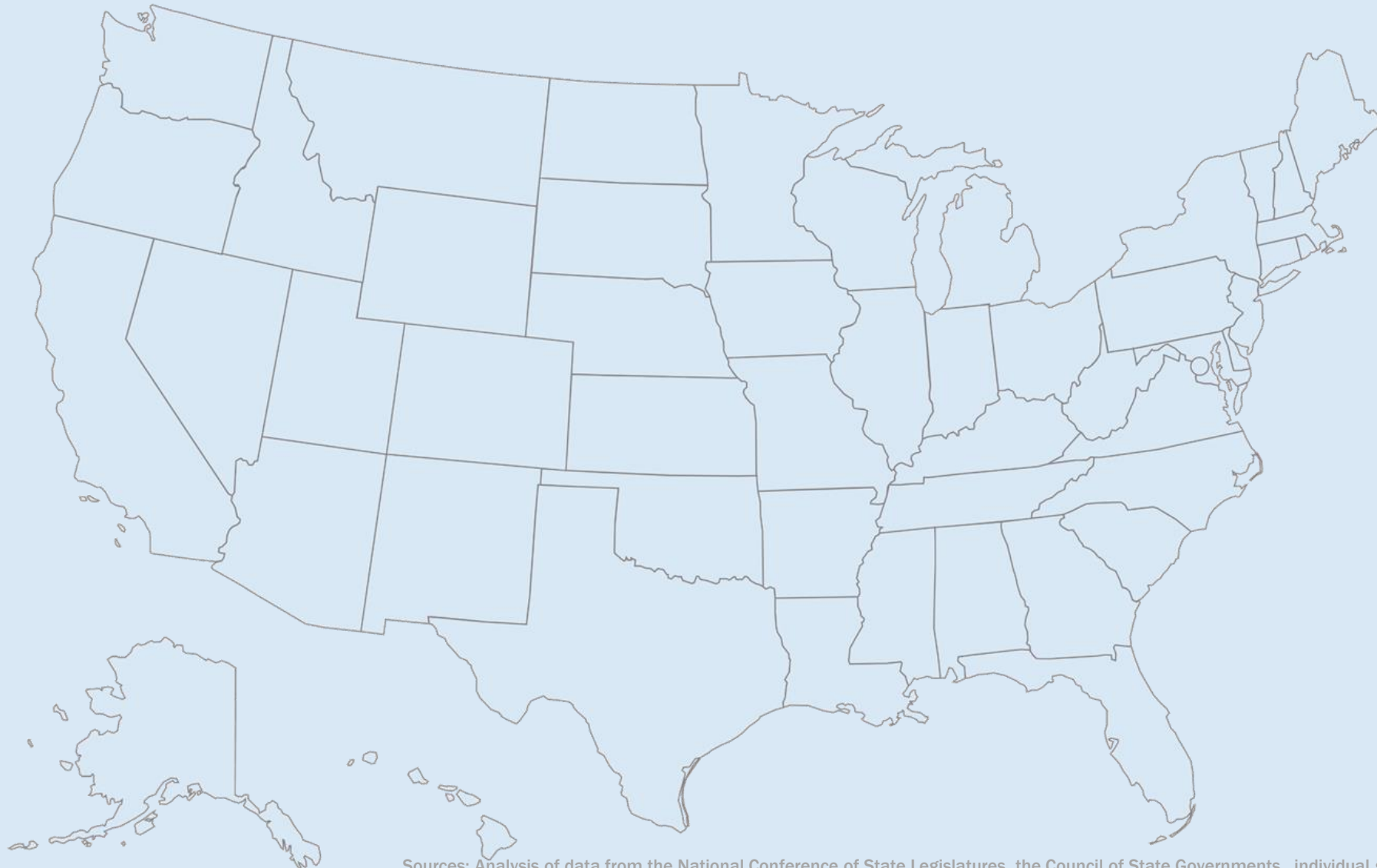


Primary Election





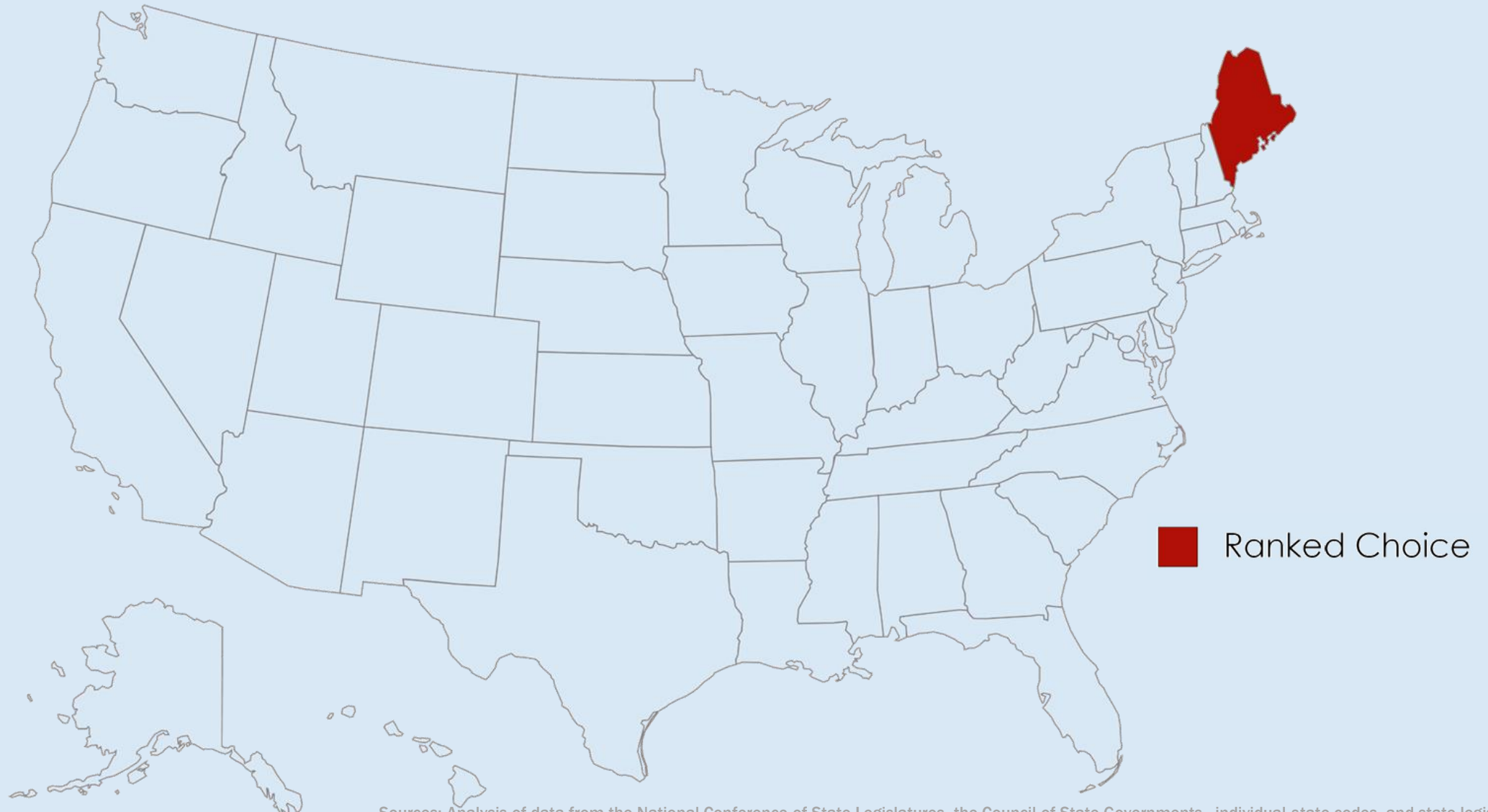
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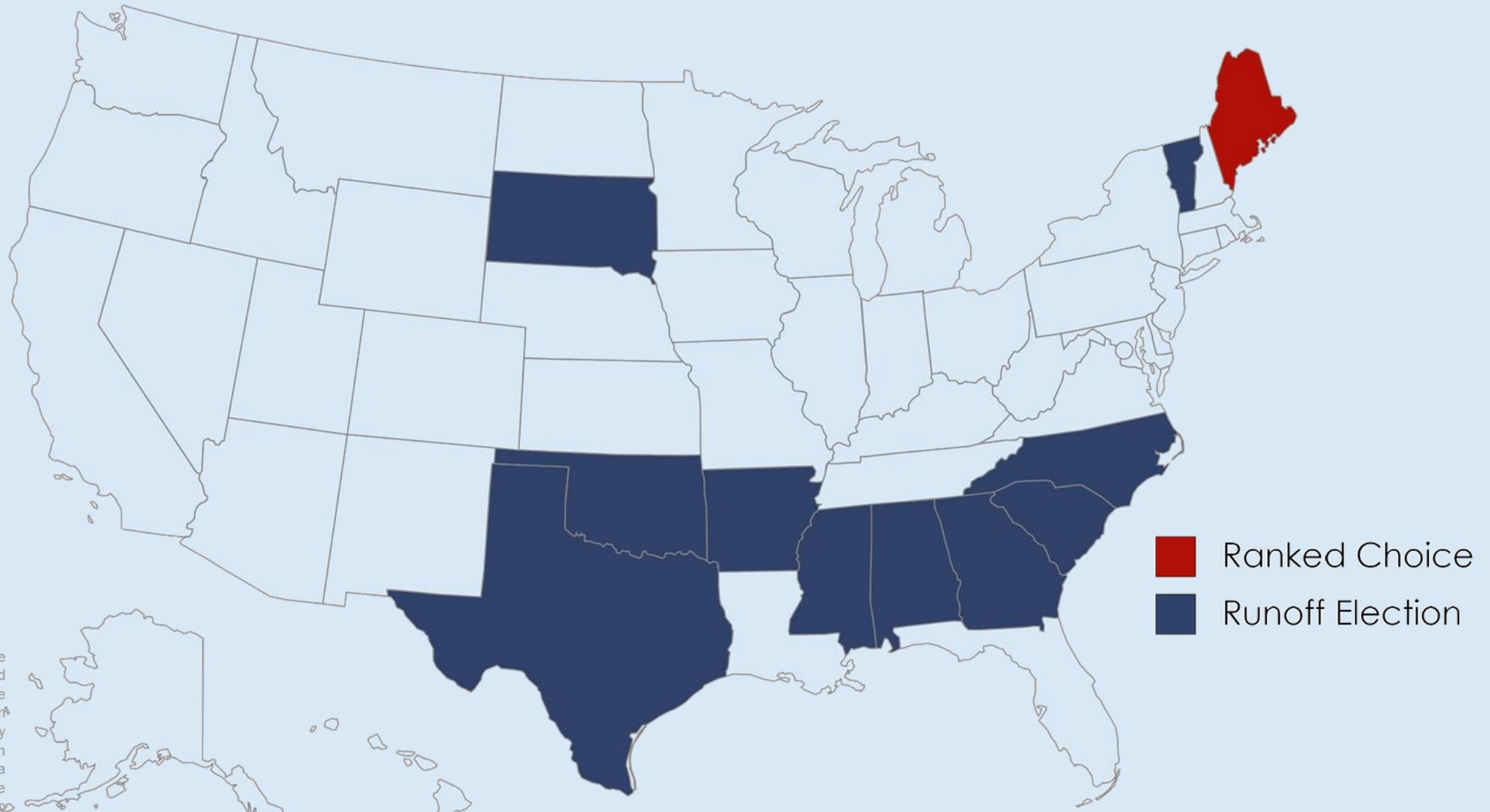


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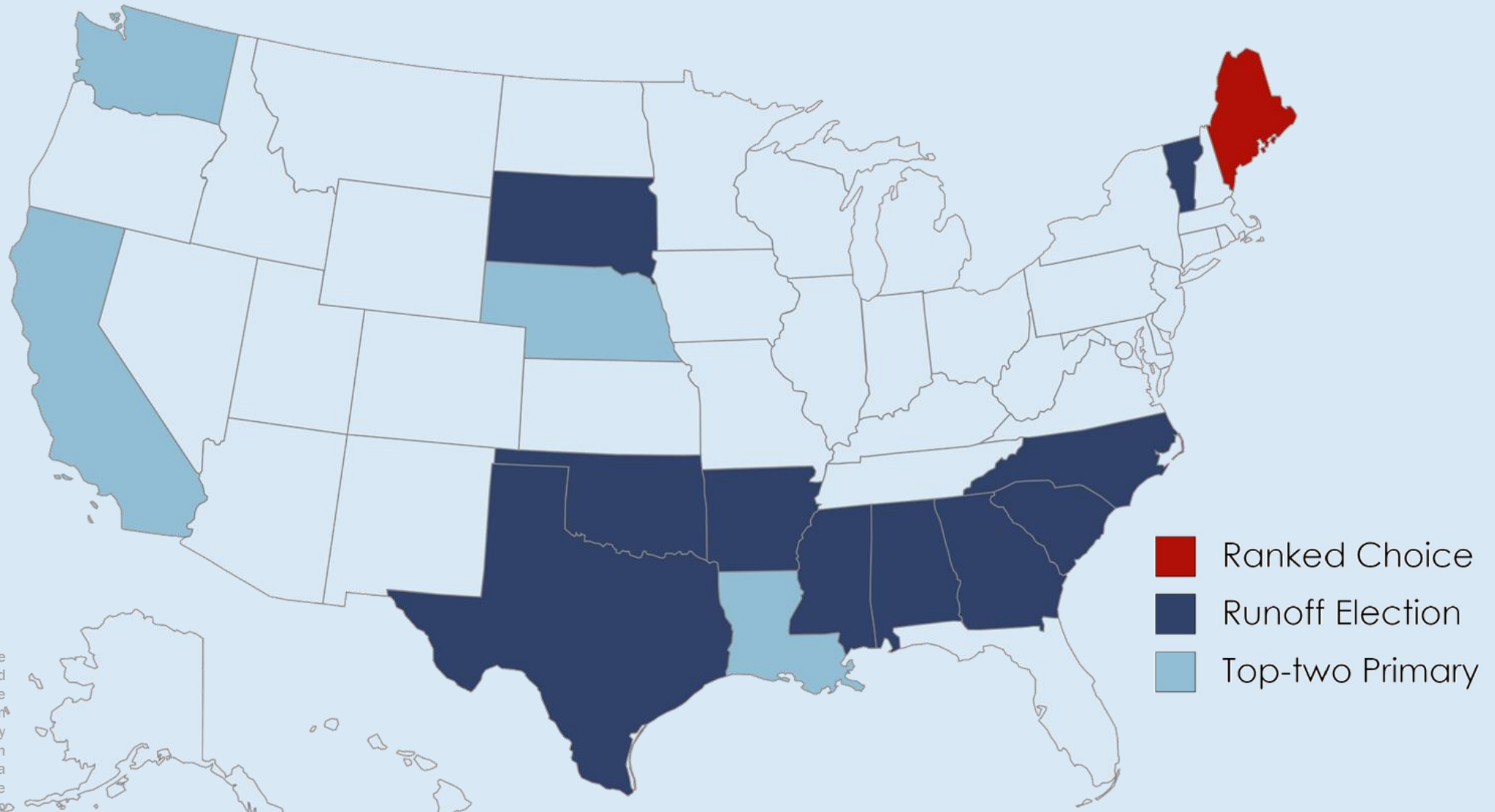


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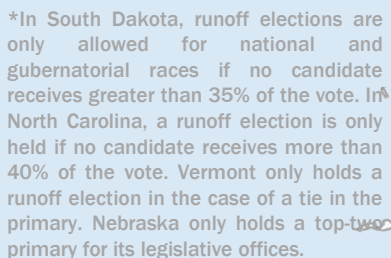


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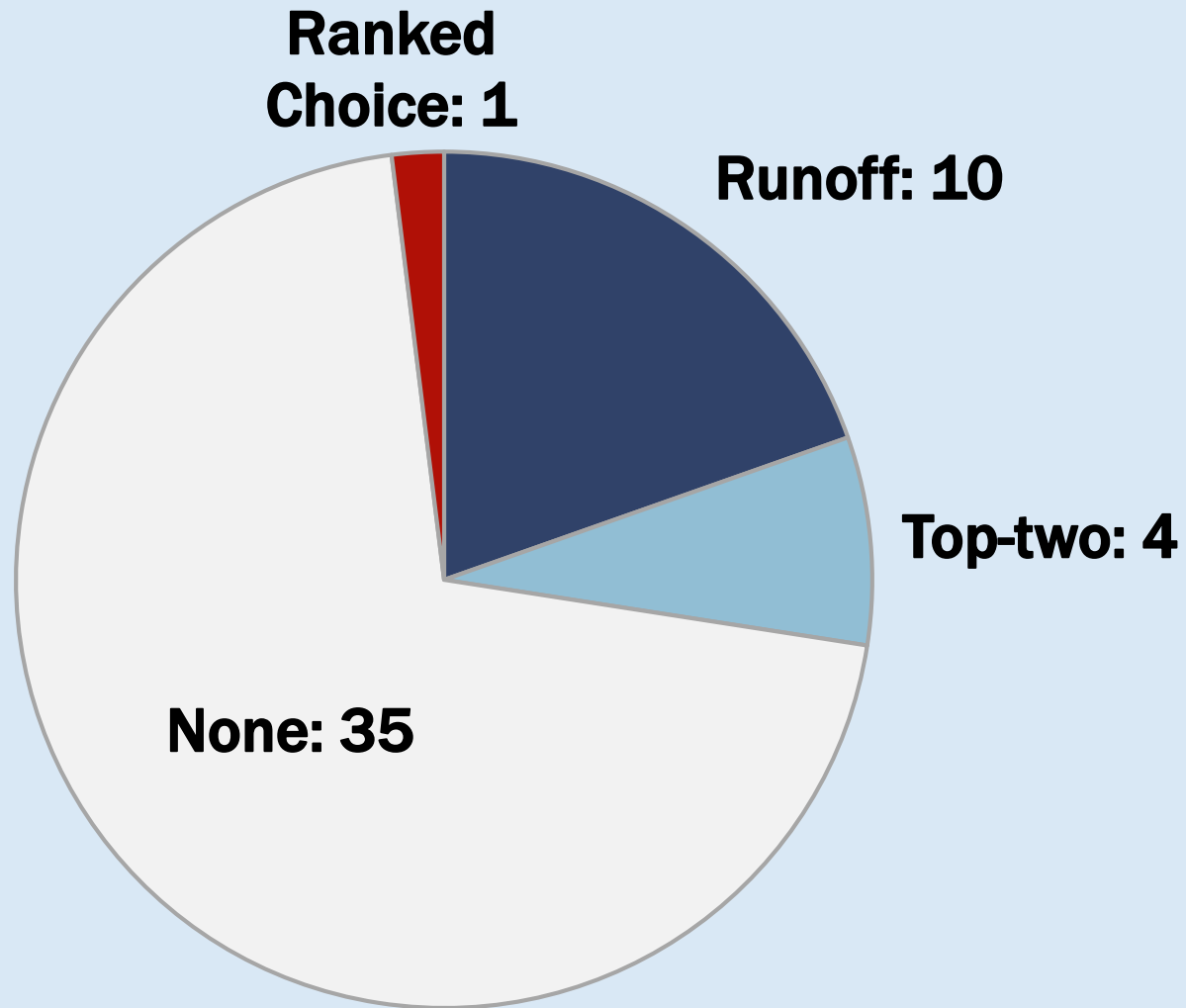
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How States Address Plurality





States Like Utah

Allows Primary Ballot Access After Convention:



New Mexico



Colorado



North Dakota



Connecticut



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